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Dedication of Columbia's Agriculture Park

Clary-Shy Park
July 13, 2019



Columbia's Agriculture Park at Clary-Shy Park is a collaborative partnership between the Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture, Columbia Farmers Market, Sustainable Farms and Communities and Columbia Parks and Recreation. The new Ag Park is located on 10 acres at Clary-Shy Park, adjacent to the Activity & Recreation Center. The entire site was known in the area as the site of the Boone County fairgrounds until 1992.

The goal of the Agriculture Park is to create a park destination for all of the city's residents and visitors to learn about sustainable food production, see agriculture in action, and buy local farm products. When all phases are completed, Columbia's Agriculture Park will include the MU Health Care Pavilion (permanent Farmers Market structure), educational urban farm, demonstration gardens, an outdoor classroom, playground, indoor facility and walking trails. The MU Health Care Pavilion will also be used for community events.

The phase I improvements are estimated to cost \$3.75 million with \$400,000 in funding from the 2015 Park Sales Tax and the remaining funding provided through private donations and grants, including a generous contribution from MU Health Care. The phase I improvements include the construction of a portion of the MU Health Care Pavilion, parking, playground, outdoor classroom, maintenance facility and infrastructure needed for access to the Farmers Market. Remaining portions of the project will be completed as funding allows. Visit www.BuildThisTown.org for more information about the project and work to be completed in phase 2.

We appreciate the support by project donors and partners, as well as Columbia residents, making projects such as this one possible.

Columbia's Agriculture Park dedication

9:00 a.m., July 13, 2019

Opening ~ Mike Griggs, Director, Columbia Parks and Recreation

Remarks ~ Mayor Brian Treece, City of Columbia

Remarks ~ Adam Saunders, Friends of the Farm

Remarks ~ Jonathan Curtright, MU Health Care

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Conclusion ~ Mike Griggs

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